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OUR FIRST FEATURE NUMBER

Santa Clara Association consented to provide the copy for our first feature number. It is hoped that within a year we can have a similar contribution from each one of our Associations. Sonoma will take the February number and we will use others in the order in which they send in the material. The correspondent in each section is free to furnish such copy as will best give an interpretation of the history or work being done by them. May this be the occasion for the pastors to get their full quotas or the equivalent of one subscriber for each home. Cloverdale is the first to report that it will do this in their annual budget.

MARIAN MORRISON

We were all grieved to learn that Marian, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Fred W. Morrison, passed away Saturday, November 22, at San Jose. Funeral services were held Monday the 24th. Most affecting and inspiring was the sight of the father reciting the Commitment Service over the body of his little girl. Many indeed are the expressions of sympathy that have come to this office in addition to those who have ministered directly to the sorrowing parents.

OUR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, one of the greatest of modern preachers, has written that "Church attendance is not for Christians an elective. Desultory church attendance is in Christians a sin. No Christian can absent himself needlessly from public worship without damaging the influence of the Christian society and bringing loss to his own soul. Public worship is a form of power."

We should all take this to heart. In spite of improvement, the average attendance at our Sunday services amounts to less than one-half of our resident membership. This is due, in large measure, to a habit of carelessness which has, for one reason or another, crept into our lives. Mr. Bradley is ambitious for the church that during the current year, a great new revival in church attendance should mark its course. This will depend upon the willingness of every member to assume personal responsibility. Trivial reasons for remaining away must be forgotten. Except in case of precarious health, rain or bad weather should not be considered to be good reasons for absence. Sunshine and friendly skies should beckon churchward and not to the distractions of a pagan Sunday. The time has come when conscientious men and women should look this matter squarely in the face.—From the Calendar of Webster Grove Miss.

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Bradmoor Church Every Member Canvass

Broadmoor Church, San Leandro, has had a very successful Every-Member Canvass. This means more than "evey member" of the Church. It means an Every Member of the Community Canvass. This was justified inasmuch as Broadmoor Church, by comity agreement, is the only church in the community.

But it took considerable faith and courage to decide to take in every home regardless of denomination, creed or interest. It meant also considerable more preliminary preparation as well as subsequent following up.

Evey house in Broadmoor and vicinity was marked on a map, the number of the house, the names of the people with other information as to relationship to the church, Sunday School, etc.

This data was put on the canvassers' information cards and the cards divided up by streets.

But before all this had been done there were two separate letters delivered to every home in the community and the local newspaper, which goes to every home, had "write-ups" about the church and also the canvass for several weeks ahead.

It would have been a stupendous task for Broadmoor men to have undertaken this work of canvassing from house to house alone. Volunteers were called for through Dr. Minchin from a number of Bay Association Churches and the ready response brought out 23 men at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, September 28th.

These Bay Association Church volunteers were paired off with Broadmoor men and after being given definite directions as to methods of approach, words of exhortation and quiet prayer the men went out two and two to spread abroad the gospel of the Fine Art of Giving.

There was a bond of fellowship developed among the Bay Association Churches that day that is worthy of note. Being laborers together and with God for the advancement of His kingdom was practically demonstrated. The spirit of fellowship among these representatives of the churches was delightful and as these men worked together, prayed together and later ate together there was a fine spirit of comradeship developed that was carried back to the home churches.

Broadmoor believes in the Every-Member Canvass, not only because of raising of the budget for the year, but also because it has experienced the fellowship, loyalty and hearty cooperation of other churches and knows that it is not doing its work alone but that back of it or rather side by side with it stand friendly and interested churches and people ready to respond and to share in any necessity or emergency. As Congregational churches we may be independent in polity but certainly co-operative in plan and program.

Another interesting feature of the Every-Member Canvass and contributing largely to the success of the project was the Broadmoor Men's Dinner given two days before the canvass.

One hundred men of the community including the mayor sat down together to a delightful dinner prepared by the ladies of Broadmoor Church. Then Dr. James L. Gordon of the First Church, San Francisco, was introduced. Dr. Gordon had just returned from his Chautauqua Lecture trip and was at his best as he faced the fine group of men. He captured his audience with ease and gave the gist of his Chautauqua lecture and then drove home the thought of the privilege and responsibility of service in a community like Broadmoor.

This made possible the introduction of the Every-Member Canvass by Dr. Minchin, which was followed up by Mr. F. F. Barbour of the First Church, Oakland, a veteran of seven Every-Member Canvass campaigns.

The impulse was to start the canvass then and there among that group of 100 men but better judgment prevailed and the results on the following Sunday justified the decision.

On the following Sunday pledges came in from Catholics, Christian Scientists and non-church-goers as well as from members of other than Congregational Churches.

Contributions or pledges came from one out of every four homes visited and when all the returns are in it will probably be one in three. There were no large givers but the aggregate is very satisfactory indeed.

The canvass gave our men training. Those who went out with embarrassment and dread returned with confidence and smiles of triumph.

The canvassers advertised the church. To place forty representative men out into any community presenting a definite project in which they are interested will make a deep impression.

The canvass uncovered many unknown opportunities for service. It found the sick, the indifferent, the stranger, the Sunday School scholar, and made openings for the call of the pastor and the people of the church.

The Every-Member Canvass is more than worth while for Broadmoor Church, it is salvation and success.

DR. PYE GIVES SERIES OF INSPIRING ADDRESSES

We have been especially favored by the presence of the missionary pioneer and statesman, Dr. Watts O. Pye, who has been giving a series of inspiring addresses. On November 24 he was kept speaking for over an hour at a luncheon in First Church, San Francisco, and a representative audience heard him at Plymouth, Oakland. The churches of the Association sent large delegations to hear him at Petaluma and Palo Alto. He spoke at the morning service at First Church, Berkeley, last week and also at Saratoga; he will be College Preacher at Stanford University, December 7.

Dr. Pye and his associates have worked out a new method of propagating Christianity in unevangelized territory. The key to this method is that trained natives are sent into selected centers to win the leading men of the community. These natives work in accord with the customs of the Chinese, and prepare the way for the foreign missionary who appears on the field some months after the approach is made by the native missionary. The astonishing results that have been brought about in China during the past ten years has proved the efficiency of the method.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Tulare passed its golden milestone with delightful fellowship on Friday, Nov. 21. Mrs. Wood gave a most interesting historical sketch which we hope to publish in full in a later issue of The Pacific. Letters were read from former pastors not able to be present, and addresses were made by Rev. Dennis Goodsell, pastor forty-two years ago; Judge Allen, who served as superintendent of the Sunday School for many years; greetings were brought by Rev. T. T .Giffen of Fresno for the San Joaquin Valley Association and Superintendent Minchin for the Conference. Attorney Moran served as toastmaster and the ladies suplied a most bounteous turkey dinner to the hundred or more present.

CHINESE DEDICATE CHURCH

On Sunday afternoon, November 9, the new Chinese Church at Los Angeles was dedicated to the service of God and to Christian learning and living. The dedication service began at 3:30 in the afternoon and Rev. Carl S. Patton of First Church, Los Angeles, presided. Responsive Scripture was led by Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse of the American Missionary Association and a sermon entitled "The Need and the Opportunity" was delivered by Rev. George E. Pennegott, superintendent of the Southern California Conference. The benediction was given by Rev. William C. Pond, secretary emeritus of Oriental Work on the Pacific Coast.

SONOMA ASSOCIATION IS GUEST OF COTATI CHURCH

The Sonoma Association met October 6 at Cotati, the morning session opening at 10:30. Mr. Jerome Cross, who is the Santa Rosa Superintendent of Schools, was the moderator and the meeting went forward smoothly under his direction. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. B. Dent Naylor of Sebastopol. Superintendent William J. Minchin spoke on the Religious Outlook at Home and emphasized the need of a well-defined denominational program. The meeting adjourned at noon and the delegates were the guests of the ladies of the church at luncheon. The afternoon session opened with an address by Rev. E. D. Weage of Guerneville on the subject "The New Name" and explained the significance of Jesus being called the "Son of God" and of calling himself the "Son of Man."

Rev. Henry Stauffer of Petaluma, who has recently returned from a trip to the continent, spoke on the "Religious Outlook in Europe." Miss Catherine Denman of Petaluma said a few words ine behalf of the Women's Society and introduced Mrs. Robert Hazlett of First Church, San Francisco, who spoke on the "Religious Outlook in the World" with a plea for greater and more universal giving. Reports of committees were given as unfinished business and the meeting was adjourned.

"The principal people in the church are the people who go to church on principle."—Rev. J. L. Gordon.

Featuring The Santa Clara Association

SANTA CLARA ASSOCIATION

The Santa Clara Association covers a large territory extending from San Mateo on the north to Pacific Grove at its southern boundary. The churches of the association are as follows: San Mateo, Redwood City, Redwood City (Spanish), Woodside, Palo Alto, Pescadero, San Jose, Campbell, Saratoga, Sunnyvale, Santa Cruz, Soquel, San Juan and Pacific Grove. With the exception of the church at San Juan, every one of the churches is under pastoral care and the reports contained in this issue indicate progress in the entire field. In this rich and beautiful "Valley of Hearts' Desire" our pilgrim faith is presenting an attractive and enlarging program.

EXCISION

By Charles Luther Kloss

During the war letters and correspondence had to run the gauntlet of censors who deleted what in their autocratic judgment was not according to regulations.

There are many things that could be cut out of established practice which would be in the interests of simplicity and the common good. For example the writing of prescriptions in Latin, the hair-spun terms of theology, and the legal verbiage of today, all should be reduced to modern, simple language.

If a man were to give another an orange he would likely say no more than, "Have an orange?" But when the transaction is put into legal phrase, it would take on this form: "I hereby give and convey to you, all the singular, my estate and interests, right and title, claim and advantages of and in said orange, together with all its rind, juice, pulp and pips, and all rights and advantages therein with full power to bite, cut, suck and otherwise to eat the same or give the same away with or without the rind, skin, juice, pulp or pips, anything herein before or hereinafter or in any other means of whatever nature or kind whatsoever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding."

Excision! Yes, but the phrase of the street is more graphic—Cut it out!

When a good time in Frats and school life bulks larger than the serious work in hand—Cut it out!

When any habit of the body becomes master and whips the tired slave into more debasing servitude, it is time for the imperious ego to issue a drastic —Cut it out! When a lower thing crowds out the higher—Cut it out!

Self expression is the craze of the modern dilletante, but self repression, difficult and often evaded, is absolutely essential for the fine flowering of manhood.

The orchardist without mercy cuts out the suckers, dead and useless branches, prunes to the limit for the sake of a better product.

"Every branch in me—if it bears no fruit He takes away, and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

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"THE PRUNES"

Prunes is not only the name of a popular fruit grown most successfully in the Santa Clara valley, but it is also the name of a club of Congregational ministers, the pastors of our churches in this association, who meet once every month for a feast of both food and reason. The quality of both is usually very high and of the quantity there can be no scant praise. With Cherington presiding over the steaks and Thorp stirring the coffee, the only thing remaining that others need supply is the appetite. Following our picnic dinner, which is usually served in some unfrequented spot out of doors, we enjoy a paper or book review by one of the club and participate freely in a discussion following its presentation. The pastors of this district think that they have discovered the key that unlocks the problems of fellowship in the association.

PACIFIC GROVE

Mayflower Church at Pacific Grove recently called to its pastorate the Rev. J. B. Currie. Mr. Currie comes from the Presbyterian ministry in the East. He is a brother of the pastor at Redwood City. During the interim between the resignation of the former pastor, Rev. Hector Dodd, and the coming of Mr. Currie, the work was under the pastoral care of Dr. J. B. Silcox. The church regards itself under deep obligation to this grand old man who so helpfully ministered to them when the flock was without a shepherd.

During the month of October the parsonage has been repaired and painted inside and out. The congregation is at present having the church and parsonage grounds beautified. The grounds are being turned into lawns and planted with additional shrubs and flowers.

The annual supper and roll call of the members of the congregation was held on the evening of Nov. 13. The supper was a grand success both in regard to attendance and the beautiful spirit of the occasion. It was decided at this supper that a large committee of the members should be appointed to assist the pastor in the work of visiting and personal evangelism and in the distribution of literature. This work will commence about the last week in November and it is hoped that some new members will be received.

PESCADERO

A recent number of the Pacific reported the encouraging news that the work at Pescadero had been reopened. Changing economic conditions are bringing many new families into this community. Mr. Alexander Granger, a layman and new resident of the community, has taken hold of the work, directing the church school and doing some preaching. Our conference office plans to send a preacher to the Pescadero Church as soo nas possible. Miss Effie Jackson, formerly a student at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkelev, is also rendering effective service. Miss Jackson represented this church at Asilomar in October. It was the first time in many years that the church had sent a delegate to the state conference.

SUNNYVALE

An evangelistic campaign was conducted during October in which the Baptist, Methodist and Congregational churches co-operated. Messrs. Gellatly and Robertson from Boston were the evangelists. As a result of the meetings fourteen signed cards were handed to the pastor, Rev. F. A. Bissel. Three of these have united with the church on confession and several more have expressed a desire to do so soon. A few were too young to become members at present.

The annual meeting of the church was held November 7 with a good attendance. Two weeks before this meeting the pastor had presented his resignation. It was referred to the board of deacons and trustees, to report at the annual meeting. Their recommendation that the pastor be asked to remain until April 1, 1925, was adopted by the church, and the work is going on smoothly and with good promise.

SAN MATEO

Judging from a recent monthly calendar of the San Mateo church, Rev. Chas. L. Kloss is leading that work in ways that give great promise for the future. With plenty of loyal support from the congregation, the church school is doing effective work and is greatly increasing in numbers. During the last month all records were broken when on the last Sunday 190 were in attendance. The average for the month was 130. Recently 25 new pupils have been enrolled. A Men's Club has been organized and recently had a very successful dinner program.

Under the direction of the pastor's wife a Bible play, "The Keepers of the House," was given on November 9. Various departments of the school took responsibility for certain portions of the play. The church will hold its Every Member Canvass December 7.

One of the most encouraging features of the work is the response to the Sunday evening service. An average attendance of about 200 is reported. The Japanese are using the church building twice a month for their own religious services.

PALO ALTO

The Palo Alto church had an important accession of members at the November communion service. Twenty-two were welcomed, all adults and most of them in the prime of life. There were eight married couples. The membership of the church is now over 240 with few absentees.

The monthly church night suppers, served without charge to all in the congregation, tax the facilities of the social rooms. The speaker at the November church night was Dr. J. S. Davis, one of the new members. Dr. Davis spoke of his impressions on his recent visits to Germany as one of the economic experts of the Dawes Commission.

The church has voted to make its December church night December 10, "budget night." The budget for 1925 will be proposed and adopted at that meeting, and the pledges of those present will be received. Then the teams of canvassers, under the direction of Henry Gemmer, will complete the work by a campaign of visitation upon the remaining families the following Sunday. It has been decided to receive the pledges in sealed envelopes, the amount in every instance to be held in strict confidence between the subscriber and the treasurer.

Rev. Reed B. Cherington has been chosen counsellor of the high school group of our young people, and under his direction the meetings have been resumed this fall with renewed interest.

A recent sermon of Mr. Thorp's on "What the Deity of Christ Means to Me," has been printed and will be mailed to any who desire it.

With the families of Reed B. Cherington, Rowland B. Dodge, Merl Davis, W. M. Proctor, W. G. Beach and Mrs. O. M. Easterday, all graduates of theological seminaries, besides Mrs. R. C. Kirkwood, the president of the Woman's Board of the Pacific, and Dr. O. L. Elliott, the veteran Registrar of Stanford and author of a volume of rare sermons, the Congregational group at Stanford is getting ready to vie with Berkley and Claremont as a "saints' rest." Among these names mention should be made of Dr. Cyrus G. Baldwin, former president of Pomona College and first pastor of the Palo Alto church, who still retains his residence and his membership here. Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin are keenly interested in all our Congregational enterprises.

The Palo Alto Poetry Club, now a flourishing organization of some forty wmen devoted to the study of the newest verse, had its origin in some readings given by Mrs. Ellen C. Elliott in our church two years ago. It now includes members from the entire community and meets fortnightly at private homes to listen to readings by Mrs. Elliott, whose recent volume of verse entitled "Rose Thorn" is an exquisite specimen of her own talent. With the dues of one dollar, volumes of recent verse are purchased and circulated among the members.

The vested choir of some twenty members, directed by Mrs. W. A. Roberts, is now one of the strongest musical organizations in Palo Alto, being composed almost entirely of experienced singers. Its annual picnic and annual "progressive supper" are always interesting social events, the tendence being strictly limited to choir families.

Forefathers' Day falls this year on Sunday evening; and accordingly the church is planning to observe it with a special program instead of its customary banquet.

The church is looking forward with eagerness to the address of Watts O. Pye of China on Monday evening, December 1, at 8 o'clock, to which the churches of the Peninsula are invited.

CAMPBELL

Campbell, one of the important centers in the beautiful Santa Clara Valley, is located on the Santa Cruz highway, midway between San Jose and Los Gatos. The town is small but is becoming increasingly attractive as a place of residence. The educational advantages are excellent due to the location here of a Union High and a Union Grammar school and also due to the accessibility of the State Teachers' College and Junior High in San Jose, and the Stanford University, which is only eight miles away.

The town is surrounded by a productive fruit section, divided mostly into small holdings, affording many attractive homes. It is the

this community, composed of town and country, that the church draws its support and to which it ministers.

The church is now actively engaged in its usual fall compaign. During the latter part of October and throughout the whole of November, we are conducting Mission Study Classes; reading widely, but finding direction in the use of Dr. Porter's China's Challenge to Christianity. A group of twenty men are making plans for putting on the Every Member Canvass early in December. During November we have reduced the debt on our church building by approximately $2,000, leaving the church clear with the exception of the amount advanced by the Church Building Society. In order to do this, pledges which were to have run another year have been paid. This puts the church on its feet financially. We are now ready for an advance.

Rev. William E. Eckles is the pastor of the church at Campbell. He is now serving the church the second time. The newly remodeled church gives the worshippers at Campbell a building of beauty and adaptability. The memorial window, given by the son of a former pastor, would delight any congregation.

SARATOGA

The church at Saratoga is the church that furnishes the exception to prove the rule. While many Federated Churches are meeting great difficulties in these days of denominational rivalry, the church at Saratoga prospers amazingly. This is doubtlessly due to the able leadership of Rev. Roscoe D. Douglass, but it is likewise a testimony to the fine Christian spirit that prevails in this lovely community.

The Federated Church now worships in a beautiful building that is a credit to the community. Not only do the Congregationalists and Christians worship together, but the Methodists and Episcopalians also worship with this congregation. In a very real sense this is a community church.

The church is just now engaged in a successful School of Missions. The adult groups are studying Porter's book on China and the younger people use as a text "Adventures in Brotherhood." A "Friendly Visitation" has been carried on by Mr. Douglass for the past few weeks, closing with Rally Day.

Funds have been raised for the purchase of new hymn books and as soon as the committee make their decision the books will be ordered.

SAN JOSE

San Jose, First Church, celebrates its fiftieth anniversary next May. Plans are now under way for a fitting observance of that event. The church was organized by Rev. Theodore T. Munger who became its first pastor. Dr. Munger's fame as a theological scholar greatly adds to the interest in these early days. Several of the charter members are still actively engaged in the church life.

Breaking an old and very bad habit, the church this year borrowed no money at the bank. We shall not only close the year without any need to borrow money, but the indebtedness of over $1,000 with which we entered the year will have been wiped out. The trustees are now engaged in preparation for the Every Member Canvas to be held December 14th.

A Junior Congregation now joins in the worship on Sunday mornings. The entire church school march in the Processional behind the vested choir into the church auditorium. The pastor, Rev. Fred W. Morrison, preaches a children's sermon early in the service, after which the children retire, the younger into the kindergarten and the older into a Junior C. E. Society. These continue until the end of the morning service.

The third annual school of missions has just come to its close. Attractive programs, splendid speakers and six study classes, providing for all ages, created an increased interest in all things missionary. The school has proven so popular that it is now regarded as a regular feature of our church program.

WOODSIDE

Rev. Benj. St. John, the veteran pastor at Woodside, has endeared himself to the fellowship of this association by his sweetness of spirit. His task has been made lonely by the passing of his wife. Probably a better report of the work could not be given than to print a letter which he wrote to the Santa Clara editor. The letter follows:

"Mine are 'The short and simple annals of the poor,' hence soon recorded. Our work in Woodside moves on quietly, calmly, with few ripples to mar its serene and steady flow. Now that winter draws near we see a lessening of attendance in our Sunday School, due largely to the fact that our summer visitors have gone into winter quarters in the city, partly, because when it rains, as it sometimes does, local scholars seem to prefer the quiet seclusion of their homes to the duties and privileges of the school. However, we are 'carrying on' as best we can and always hope some good is being done.

"While I was on my vacation, the interior of the church was treated to a new ceiling of beaver board, nicely panelled and painted, new curtains were hung at the windows, and the whole floor covered with matting, making a very cheery and attractive room. Recently the outside of the building has been painted, greatly to its improvement. The cost was about $600 and the money has all been raised without difficulty.

"We greatly need a couple of rooms for the use of the Sunday School and incidentally for social purposes, but the time does not seem ripe for that. If we had them and then a new and up-to-date minister possibly more might be accomplished. Personally, I am comforted this winter with a visit from my brother and his wife, which will make life less lonely, and perhaps add a bit to the efficiency of our work."

SOQUEL

Soquel is situated but a short distance from Santa Cruz. Rev. J. J. Kelley has recently been called to that field. He reports that he found the work in fine shape after the retirement of Rev. A. A. Kidder. Everything was "ready to go ahead" according to his account. Just how well he has gone ahead can be best indicated by a letter which we print in part:

"We have 57 members, 5 of which have been added since our taking up the work. We have a large Ladies' Circle, the larger number of which are non-church members. Three C. Endeavor Societies—4 in Senior, 20 in Intermediate, 10 in Junior. A good Sunday School of 80 enrolled, average attendance 56. Congregation average 45 at morning service, 25 at evening service. Our evening services vary in form. We have an excellent choir leader who leads a song service every Sunday night. No Sunday night services had been held for a few years. I started them in September with 16 in attendance. Meetings have grown gradually in attendance since.

"We have a changing population—coming and going, buying and selling, and character of personnel changing. Italians increasing. We have been in 130 homes and found the following percentages—Catholics, mostly foreign, 20 per cent, Christian Science, 15 per cent; Advents, 10 per cent; Protestants of all shades of faith, 20 per cent. The rest are careless of life's best interests.

"Since coming here a boxing arena has been erected close to the church. The American Legion is at its foundation from start. Feeling for the Legion is so strong that the adultage of the parish condone any action of theirs that may conflict with the culture of Christian life. As a result our boys are slipping from our Sunday school influence. It is challenging our wisdom and tact.

"As a result of house-to-house visitation we have got to know who is who and what they are religiously. A few families have begun attendance at the public services as a result of fireside talks.

"Improvements in property have taken place—a new garage, parsonage repainted, outside trimmings, floors inside; church hall likewise. And now we have decided to incorporate the Society.

"In all there is every reason to expect a prosperous future under the guidance and blessing of God. Church members and pastor are in unity of spirit and in the bonds of peace."

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SANTA CRUZ

A year of mingled joys and sorows is closing here. Some serious and tragic losses have been suffered, by the death of splendid members, young and old. Also, amid the distractions of this resort town, it seems to become harder year by year for people to pledge themselves to be faithful week by week to Sunday School classes, and other continuous responsibilities. But faithful groups are carrying on, and the good will of the whole church is cordially with the workers who carry the heavy burdens.

Rev. Burton M. Palmer entered his fifth year in this pastorate the first of September. Since his coming the church has lost one hundred and thirty-four members, and received one hundred and ninety-seven. A little net gain each year. This year so far the losses have been twenty-five and thirty-seven have been received, twenty-two of these on confession or reconfession.

The church has a fine Sunday school, still under the noble superintendency of Mrs. W. C. Byrne. What an example for other Christians when they are crushed by sorrow, not to cease their fidelity to Christ's work! The very Saturday evening that her precious fifteen-year-old son, Fernald, met his tragic death he had kept his appointment at choir rehearsal, and his church and missionary envelopes duly filled for the next day were found in his torn garments after the accident.

The Congregational Young People, the Men's Club, and the Woman's Club, are working. The church has been painted this year. The Every Member Canvass is scheduled for December 14.

For six weeks just now interest centers in the School of Missions—its fifth annual course. Miss Mary F. Morgan, Miss Cora Otto, Mrs. W. C. Byrne and the pastor are the class teachers, and Mrs. Palmer again is in charge of the missionary dramatics. Several of these leaders trained at Asilomar for their parts. For the first four Sunday evenings this year the classes have averaged a total of one hundred and forty-four in attendance, and at the closing assemblies, when the playlets are given, the average has been one hundred and ninety-nine. The remarkable choir prepared a beautiful service for its annual Thanksgiving Concert. In October they presented a fine operetta, "Miss Cherry Blossom," under direction of Mr. John Squires, before a full house in the High School Auditorium.

A PRAYER FOR "GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY"

December 7, 1924

O God of Truth and Kindness,
As children of the night,
In this our world of blindness,
We pray for love and light.

Be with us, lest we cozen
Our souls, e'en as we pray,
And deem ourselves thy chosen,
In this, Thy Judgment Day.

There is but one condition
On which we dare to kneel:—
That from Thy law, contrition
Our hearts may learn to feel.

When the sick earth rehearses
The boasts of those who lead,
Turn from us the deep curses
Of all they force to bleed.

In every land and nation,
Where hate works woe and dearth,
Let kindness bring salvation
To the suffering ones of earth.

Thy one, sole law revealing,
All other laws above,
Give light, we pray, and feeling,
That we may learn to love.

—William Vincent Byars.

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CHURCH NEWS

Rio Vista—The Harvest Festival was a record success. The magnificent sum of $1,111 was reached and reflected the greatest credit on the Ladies' Aid Society. The new halls provided seating capacity for over 200 diners each evening and the large auditorium was packed with guests. The booths were most attractive and were highly praised. As usual, the great "stand-bys" were the work, flower, refreshment and household booths, but we had a novelty in an "Old Curiosity Shoppe." As usual, candy and ice cream and "grab" found many youthful purchasers. We are all rejoicing in the splendid success, as, too, in the loyalty and hard work that it occasioned.

Re-opening services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Bunce, on October 26, communion being observed in the morning, and said to be the largest ever known in the history of the church. Special prayers of re-dedication of the church were offered and in the sermon on the text, "Ye are not your own but are bought with a price," reference was made to our indebtedness to the past and of our opportunity in the splendid equipment in the new buildings.

The senior C. E. began their winter session with a dinner followed by an opening service at which welcomes were given. It was a most promising meeting, with a large proportion of young men present, and all the gathering adjourned to the evening service thereafter.

It may be of interest to say that the new halls recently built comprise a large auditorium, a smaller hall with vestry and furnished lobby, and on the lower floor a large dining room, kitchen, furnace room, with a modern furnace arrangement for heating the whole of the buildings, cloakrooms, etc.

The old church building has been refaced with special brick, a new entrance and tower having been built. The interior has been enlarged, the ceiling concaved, and new lights, fitted with chains carrying large bowls, from the ceiling. The walls have been replastered.

The buildings are handsome and pleasing in their exterior and make a splendid addition to the town.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Peter Cook a benefit luncheon was recently given which netted $500, and a small candy booth on election day brought $50 for the organ fund. These amounts have swelled the entire fund to $1650, all of which has been raised this fall.

Guerneville—A fact worth noting is contained in a statement from the pastor, Rev. E. D. Weage, to the effect that their Sunday School enrollment of 50 members includes practically every Protestant child in town.

Ceres—During one week recently the church or parish house was used every night for church activities or community interests, which is an indication of how civic life centers around the church. Inventory Sunday with its most effective charts, the splendid work of "The Steering Committee," and Superintendent Minchin's address combined to make a most impressive program.

The pastor, Rev. George E. Atkinson, is pastoral counsellor for the Stanislaus-Merced Christian Endeavor Union this year and leader of the local "Hi-Y" group, which he describes as most fascinating work.

The choir is growing from an irregular few to a splendid group of faithful and regular members, who are helped materially by a skilled leader, a graduate of the Conservatory of Leipzig, to whom the church is most grateful for her assistance.

Berkeley, Bethany Church—The student pastors are working on a three-months project which they hope will establish the work on a more permanent basis—until January 1st they are putting on a "Friendship Campaign," the object of which is to get acquainted with everyone in the vicinity and get the work thoroughly organized. It started last month with a Hallowe'en party at which there was an attendance of 135 people, and it is expected to reach its climax with the Christmas program.

An outstanding event was the "Father and Son" supper, at which 50 boys were present.

January will be given over to the financial problem. An every member and friend canvass will be made. Everyone will be asked to take some "share" in the work. Shares are to be sold at one dollar each. Certificates indicating subscription to a certain number of shares will be given as receipts.

For February plans are being discussed as to the advisability of conducting a series of "Revival Meetings." The students are thinking of basing this campaign on the modern gospel message.

Lodi—Since Rev. C. H. Stevens' returned to his work in the First Church in September, he has been working incessantly to put over a repair program for the church building which requires an outlay in cash of about $3000. The church and Sunday school rooms are in very bad condition and are very much in need of repair. The Ladies' Association and Auxiliary of the church have planned a series of 6:00 o'clock dinners whereby they expect to greatly increase the fund for reconstruction.

The first dinner of the series was given November 7 and two hundred members and friends were in attendance. The ladies of the association had been requested to earn a dollar each during the summer to be contributed to this special fund, so while the ladies and their guests were seated at the dinner table each member contributed her dollar and explained how she had earned it.

Following the dinner a short program was presented consisting of readings and vocal and instrumental selections. Before the close of the meeting Mr. Stevens spoke for a short time to express his appreciation of the splendid spirit of cooperation and harmony which prevails throughout each department of the church.

Sacramento—A Bible Class with more than fifty enrolled is being conducted by the pastor, Rev. Harley H. Gill, on Wednesday evenings. The purpose of the course of study is to present the modern point of view regarding the Old Testament and to find in it those things which will interest and help children and young people.

Mr. Gill has been taking an active interest in the problem of Peace. He has recently preached upon the subject in his pulpit, spoken to the men in the Southern Pacific shops, to the Christian Men's League of Orland, and at the patriotic program in Sacramento on Armistice Day.

Auburn—The annual meeting of the Congregational Church of Auburn was held around the tables at a dinner served by the Guild Wednesday evening, October 15. One hundred thirty persons participated. Musical numbers interspersed the reports of committees and organizations and the transaction of business.

The Auburn Church occupies one of the prominent corners in the city, by reason of which a paving bill of $1,680.00 was levied during the year. The response by the church and community was such that the entire amount was raised, all other bills paid,, and a comfortable balance left in the treasury.

In spite of the loss of some members and supporters due to removal, the spirit of the church is hopeful. The Sunday School and Ladies' Guild have been remarkably successful, and twelve new members were received into the church during the year.

BOOKS RECEIVED

A Book of Sunsets, by William L. Stidger, 104 pages, price $1.00 net. The Abingdon Press.

GEORGE WHITEFIELD, PROPHET-PREACHER

By Edward S. Ninde. The Abingdon Press, New York-Cincinnati.

A close-up view of one of the world's great preachers. The picture is set in a frame, which in point of time involves the period between December 16, 1714, to September 30, 1770. Born in Gloucester, England, he died in Newburyport, Massachusetts, where he rests under the pulpit of the old south Presbyterian church. He was a member of the Holy Club, or "Methodists," as they were nicknamed in Oxford, of which John and Charles Wesley were members. The Wesleys were Arminians, and Whitefield was a Calvinist. He came as an evangelist to this country, and his special field was Georgia. The world was his parish, and soon he appeared as a preacher in Philadelphia, New York and Boston. He crossed the Atlantic thirteen times, and left his mark in the educational life of New England. This book is composed of sifted wheat, revealing the spiritual experience of the man and the preacher. It is a volume for the preacher, but is a suggestive study, too, of the religious life of his times, and valuable for laymen. He was a friend of Benjamin Franklin, and the statue of Whitefield which stands in front of the buildings of the University of Pennsylvania testifies of his interest in that institution. The reference to Whitefield's Tabernacle in London shows the scope of his ministry.

W. R.

RESIGNATION

Rev. Albert Reiman has resigned from the Dinuba German Church to accept a call to the German church at Denver, Colorado.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

October 1-31, 1924

Adin	$ 3.02
Berkeley First	476.12
Berkeley Park	46.08
Berkeley Bethany	13.00
Campbell	10.38
Ceres	55.73
Cloverdale	35.00
Crockett	19.02
Eureka	32.80
Fresno First	115.00
Fresno Kreuz	125.00
Grass Valley	32.20
Lockeford	15.00
Martinez	116.24
Oakland First	433.33
Oakland Cal.	50.00
Oakland Fruit.	79.00
Oakland Grace	15.00
Oakland Ply.	102.62
Oakland Olivet	50.00
Oleander	38.00
Pacific Grove	53.95
Palermo	10.00
Petaluma	73.50
Sacramento	118.00
San Francisco First	500.00
San Francisco M. P.	350.00
Sanger	5.00
San Jose	166.24
San Lorenzo	49.50
San Mateo	35.37
Santa Cruz	275.00
Santa Rosa	14.68
Sebastopol	14.00
Sonoma	30.00
Soquel	13.00
Stockton	545.00
Tulare	30.35
Weaverville	40.00
Woodside	23.50
	$4,209.63

Distribution

Annuity Fund	$ 41.07
C. M. R. S.	81.08
S. S. E. S.	76.56
C. H. Baker	8.50
Pac. School of Rel.	123.23
C. E. S.	201.51
C. C. B. S.	246.16
Conference	310.47
A. M. A.	485.88
A. B. C. F. M.	766.77
C. H. M. S.	1,292.25
W. B. M. P.	493.90
Mrs. Wingate W. H. M. U.	52.25
Rev. F. Price	30.00
	$4,209.63

Pictures that Preach, by Chas. Nelson Page.

There are many ways of preaching the gospel, and this writer takes great pictures, such as Da Vinci's "Last Supper," Watt's "Hope." Hunt's "Light of the World" and others, furnishes his congregation with good copies and discusses what the painter has aimed at and what the preacher can also find expressed. He finds space for many pertinent sayings and leaves the impression that he has found congregations respond to this new method of preaching. The lectures make no pretence at art criticism; they are not technical. They are, however, interesting, fresh and readable and will suggest to many a minister the use of material with which he is familiar. Preachers who are wide-awake to the times will read Mr. Page's book. The Abingdon Press, price $1.00 net.—A. B.

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